

Sharing Stories at Home

Sharing stories with your child is a special time to:

Get cosy

Have a chat

Laugh together

Be calm

Plus, it's brilliant for your child's learning!

Reading your child's phonics book helps them practise reading. Sharing stories builds language, reading skills and a love of books. Remember to read for fun too!

**Here are some top tips to support you
with sharing stories with your child.**



Finding the time

As your child starts school, find a time to share stories that fits into your family routines. Your child might enjoy dipping in and out of books. They might also enjoy sharing stories with siblings, grandparents or other family members.

You might read:

At bedtime

At the park

On the bus

When you get home from school

Another time

**There is no wrong time to share stories with your child.
Read anytime, anywhere!**





Follow their lead

We can keep reading together fun and engaging by:

Gently bringing them back to the book to help build their focus.

Following their interests and talking about what catches their attention.

Using the pictures to spark conversation.

Letting them lead the way. You could say, "You pick the book today!" or "You can turn the page when you're ready."

Bringing the story to life with funny voices, actions, and expressions.

Making connections to their experiences, for example: "Remember when we went to the park like that?" or "That looks a bit like your teddy."



Finding books they will love

Scan to try BookTrust's Bookfinder for ideas!



Read aloud
ages 4-5:



Reading for
reception:



Enjoying sharing stories

When sharing stories, you might want to:

Have a go at using silly voices

Chat about what you can see in the pictures

Chat about things the book reminds you of

Read in your home language

There's no wrong way to share stories with your child.

